As noted on Congressman Pence's <u>"Fairness Doctrine Update" page</u>, there are a couple articles worth reading today about the so-called 'Fairness Doctrine' and the likelihood of its re-imposition:

Investor's Business Daily editorial: " Free Speech Vs. Fairness Dogma "

As Rep. Mike Pence, R-Ind., a former broadcaster, stated in reaction to Stabenow's comments, "Congress has no business pursuing hearings on censorship of our radio airwaves."

Don't bet on Pence's Broadcaster Freedom Act, prohibiting a new Fairness Doctrine, getting a vote in Pelosi's House of Representatives. Pence guarantees that if it did, it would "surely pass, because every time freedom gets a vote in the People's House, freedom always wins "

We can think of another effective way to shut down all this outrageous talk of regulating political discussion in America: a bold statement from our new president to those in his party making it clear that the "change" he is bringing to Washington must not include government meddling in the sources of information that free people choose for themselves.

The Politico: " The Return of Fairness? "

Indiana Rep. Mike Pence, a former radio host, has called on Congress to "reject any hearings on the Fairness Doctrine or any form of censorship of the American press."

"Congress should bring the Broadcaster Freedom Act to the floor for a vote immediately and send this Depression-era censorship to the ash heap of broadcast history," said Pence, whose bill would prevent the reinstatement of the Fairness Doctrine by keeping the FCC from instituting rules requiring opposing views on the airwaves.

As for the idea that senators may have spoken out in support of the Fairness Doctrine even if they aren't actively pushing for its return, Pence said by phone that he takes congressional leaders "at their word."

"I give Sen. Stabenow credit for candor," Pence said. "She said she's had conversations with other colleagues in the Senate. I thought it was important to seize upon that moment. I just don't think the House or the Senate has any business in holding hearings on the public airwaves of America."

"Whether Rachel Maddow or Rush Limbaugh is your cup of tea," Pence added, "every American cherishes a free and independent press."

Remember to check back at **the update page** often to see the latest on the 'Fairness Doctrine.'

For a summary of the "Broadcaster Freedom Act of 2009," which was <u>recently introduced</u> by Congressman Pence and Congressman Greg Walden, click <u>HERE</u>

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